Elimination of child labour engaged in hazardous industries

859. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the industries in which maximum number of child labour are employed at present; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take so as to put some curbs on hazardous industries in engaging child labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A statement showing the childern in different areas of employment in India according to 1971 Census is attached (See below):

(b) Government has taken the following measures to prevent children from being employed in hazardous industries:—

(1) The employment of children has been banned in factories, mines and certain other hazardous employments.

(2) The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Bill, 1986 passed by the Rajya Sabha on 5-11-86 lays down a procedure for identification of further industries/employments from which children should be banned.

(3) The Employment of Children Act, 1933 was amended in December, 85 to make the penalities more stringent.

(4) The penalties have been further enhanced in the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Bill, 1986.

(5) The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Bill, 1986 also permits any person, police officer or Inspector to file a complaint in any court of competent jurisdiction regarding violation of the provisions of the bill.

(6) The State Governments who are primarily responsible for enforcement of the provisions relating to child labour have been addressed from time to time for better enforcement.

Statement

Children working in different areas of employment in India according to the 1971 *Census.*

Sl No.	Nature of activity	No. of child workers in thousands	Perecentage
1	Cultivators	3,870	36·05
2	Agricultural labourers	4,586	42·7
3	Livestock, forestry, fishing, hunting, plantations, orchards etc.	883	8·25
4	Mining and quarrying	24	0·22
5	Manufacturing, processing, servicing, repairs, etc.	653	6·08
	(a) Household industry	338	3·15
	(b) Others	315	2·93
6	Construction	59	0·55
7	Transport, storage and communication	42	0·39
8	Trade and commerce	211	1.97
9	Other services	405	3·77
	TOTAL :	10,739	100·00